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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: NATIONAL GUARD

- 1. ATHENS NEWSPAPERS REPORTED JUNE 9 AND ATHENS NEWS AGENCY (GOG'S NEWS SERVICE) JUNE 10 CARRIED SIMILAR REPORT WHICH PRESUMABLY IS DERIVED FROM OFFICIAL SOURCE AND REPRESENTS GOG'S PUBLIC RESPONSE TO GOC ON NATIONAL GUARD.
- 2. TEXT FROM ANA BULLETIN: "CERTAIN ISOLATED CASES OF OFFICERS OF THE CYPRUS NATIONAL GUARD ACTING AGAINST THE CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT MUST NOT BE GENERALIZED IN ORDER TO CREATE IMPRESSIONS AGAINST ALL THE GREEK OFFICERS SERVING WITH THE NATIONAL GUARD IN CYPRUS, RELIABLE SOURCES SAID IN ATHENS ON SATURDAY. THE SOURCES SAID THAT, IN CONNECTION WITH INCIDENTS THAT TOOK PLACE IN CYPRUS RECENTLY, IT WAS LEARNED THAT ATHENS RECOGNIZED THAT CERTAIN NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS, ESPECIALLY JUNIOR OFFICERS, CARRIED OUT MANIFESTATIONS DIRECTED AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS, A FACT WHICH RUNS COUNTER TO EXISTING MILITARY REGULATIONS. LEGAL SANCTIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN IMPOSED ON THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE MANIFESTATIONS. ON THIS OCCASION, THE VIEW WAS EXPRESSED THAT THESE ISOLATED MANIFESTATIONS SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GENERALIZED, CREATING IN THIS WAY IMPRESSIONS AGAINST ALL GREEK

OFFICERS SERVING WITH THE NATIONAL GUARD. ACCORDING TO THE SAME VIEW, IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE THAT A METHOD OF SETTLING ALL RELATED ISSUES THAT MAY OCCUR SHOULD BE FOUND BETWEEN THE CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT AND THE LEADERSHIP OF THE NATIONAL GUARD."

3. COMMENT: WHILE STATEMENT DOES NOT ADDRESS SPECIFIC, CONTENTIOUS ISSUES, RECOGNITION OF WRONGDOINGS BY CERTAIN NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS AND SUGGESTION THAT PROPER METHOD BE FOUND FOR SETTLING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NATIONAL GUARD AND CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT STRIKES CONCILIATORY TONE. TASCA

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